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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**JOE W. GRAY, COLIN CONRAD COLLINS,
SOO-IN HWANG, TONY GODFREY, DAVID
KOWBEL, and JOHANNA ROMMENS**

Examiner: Minh-Tam B. Davis

Application No.: **08/785,532**

Art Unit: 1642

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For: **GENES FROM THE 20Q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Communication dated March 4, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 27, 2004. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith.

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for five months;
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE); and
- 3) Exhibit A: Collins *et al.* (1998) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., U.S.A.*, 95(15): 8703-8708.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.